

**Security Council**

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Note by the President of the Security Council**Informal Working Group on General Issues of Sanctions**

1. After consultations among the members of the Security Council, it has been agreed that Joël W. Adechi, Permanent Representative of Benin to the United Nations, will serve as Chairman of the Informal Working Group of the Security Council on General Issues of Sanctions for the period ending 31 December 2004. The Informal Working Group, established pursuant to the third paragraph of the note by the President of the Security Council dated 17 April 2000 (S/2000/319), is tasked to develop general recommendations on how to improve the effectiveness of the United Nations sanctions.

Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations

2. After consultations among the members of the Security Council, it has been agreed that Cristián Maquieira, Deputy Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations, will serve as Chairman of the Security Council Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations, established pursuant to the statement made by the President of the Security Council at the 4270th meeting of the Council, held on 31 January 2001 (S/PRST/2001/3), for the period ending 31 December 2004.

Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa

3. After consultations among the members of the Security Council, it has been agreed that Ismael Abraão Gaspar Martins, Permanent Representative of Angola to the United Nations, will continue to serve as Chairman of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa, established pursuant to the note by the President of the Security Council dated 1 March 2002 (S/2002/207), for the period ending 31 December 2004.

